

### REMARKS-General

1. The newly drafted independent claim 20 incorporates all structural limitations of the original claim 1 and includes further limitations previously brought forth in the disclosure. No new matter has been included. All new claims 20-24 are submitted to be of sufficient clarity and detail to enable a person of average skill in the art to make and use the instant invention, so as to be pursuant to 35 USC 112.

#### Response to Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35USC112

2. The applicant submits that the newly drafted claims 20-24 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention, as pursuant to 35USC112.

#### Regarding to Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35USC102

3. The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 as being anticipated by Jahn (US 6,076,990). However, the Jahn patent and the instant invention are **not the same invention** according to the fact that the independent claim 20 of the instant invention does not read upon the Jahn patent. Apparently, Jahn fails to anticipate the distinctive features of the instant invention as follows:

(a) In claim 20, “the button post comprises a post and an **enlarged locking head** at a top end of the post” is claimed to insert into the cap hole of button cap, wherein Jahn merely teaches a post 15 locks into the recess 13 of the boss 9 without any mention of any enlarged locking head formed at a top end of the post 15. The applicant respectfully submits that the “enlarged” locking head has a size larger than the size of the post. However, Jahn is silent regarding any enlarged head of the post throughout the specification and drawings. Even though Jahn shows a ball-shaped top end of the post 15 in Figures 1 to 3, the size of the ball-shaped top end of the post 15 is not larger than the elongated body of the post 15.

(b) In claim 20, “the post of said button post having a **quadrilateral cross section**” is claimed to define first to fourth sides, wherein Jahn merely teaches the post is a round post as shown in Fig. 1 without any mention of any post having a quadrilateral cross section to form four sides.

(c) In claim 20, “the third side and the opposed fourth side of the post are **flat surfaces**” is claimed to define the structure of the post, wherein Jahn is silent regarding any flat surface formed at the post 15.

(d) In claim 20, “the locking head has a **smooth curve portion** formed at the first side of the post and a **sharp shoulder** formed at the second side of the post” is claimed, wherein Jahn is silent regarding the post 15 having one round shoulder and opposed sharp shoulder.

(e) In claim 20, “the flat surfaces of the post are blocked in said button cap” is claimed for preventing the locking head from sliding out of the cap hole of the button cap, wherein Jahn merely teaches the post 15 is engaged with the recess 13 of the boss 9 without any mention of any flat surface of the post 15 adapted to prevent the post 15 from disengaging with the boss 9 unintentionally. In other words, the ball-shaped top end of the post 15 can be detached from the recess 13 of the boss 9 at any direction. The applicant respectfully submits that the button post of the instant invention cannot be detached from the button cap at the direction with respect to the flat surface of the post.

In fact, the main objective of the instant invention is to prevent the unintentional disengagement between the button post and the button cap to hold the papers in position. However, Jahn merely teaches the ball-shaped top end of the post 15 engages with the recess 13 of the boss 9 such that the post 15 will easily disengage with the boss 9, especially when the paper is turned over for reading. Therefore, having the flat surfaces of the post, the buttons are remained at the locking position even the paper is turned over for reading.

(f) In claim 21, “a third side edge and an opposed fourth side edge of the mouth are **flat surfaces** corresponding to the third and fourth sides of the post respectively” is claimed, wherein Jahn merely teaches the recess 13 has a corresponding ball shape without any mention of any flat side edge at the recess 13.

(g) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach “a first side edge of the mouth is a **smooth curve edge** aligning with the first side of the post” as claimed in claim 21. Jahn is silent regarding the structure of the recess 13.

(h) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach “a second side edge of the mouth is a **sharp shoulder edge** aligning with the second side of the post” as claimed in claim 21. Jahn is silent regarding the structure of the recess 13.

(i) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach “when the locking head of the button post is inserted into the cap hole of the button cap, the smooth curve portion of the locking head fits to the smooth curve edge of the mouth to form a smooth curve site” as claimed in claim 21.

(j) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach “when the locking head of the button post is inserted into the cap hole of the button cap, the sharp shoulder of the locking head latches with the sharp shoulder edge to form a tooth pawl side” as claimed in claim 21.

(k) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach “the locking head is detached from the button cap **only** when the smooth curve portion of the locking head disengages with the smooth curve edge of the mouth at one direction of the first side of the post” as claimed in claim 21. Jahn merely teaches the post 15 can be disengaged with the boss 9 at any direction.

(l) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach “the locking head **cannot** be detached from the button cap at three directions of the second to fourth sides of the button post” as claimed in claim 21. Jahn merely teaches the post 15 can be disengaged with the boss 9 at any direction.

(m) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach any **pull piece** extended from the front sheet to respectively hold the button caps in position as claimed in claim 22. Jahn is silent regarding any pull piece that the pull piece forms a handle to pull the button cap to engage with the button post and to push the button cap to disengage with the button post. As shown in Fig. 1 of the instant invention, the pull piece allows the front sheet foldably opening with the rear sheet while the papers are kept in position by the buttons. However, when the cover 3 of Jahn is opened, the post 15 will be unintentionally pulled to disengage with the boss 9.

(n) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach any **cap base** securely attaching to the button caps at the pull piece as claimed in claim 23. Jahn is silent regarding any pull piece being sandwiched between the cap base and the button cap.

(o) Jahn fails to anticipate and teach the pull pieces are extended along the folding line of the body at the front sheet as claimed in claim 24. In fact, there is not pull piece provided in Jahn's patent.

4. Accordingly, Jahn fails to anticipate the above distinctive features (a) to (o) of the instant invention. Applicant believes that for all of the foregoing reasons, all of the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

#### **The Cited but Non-Applied References**

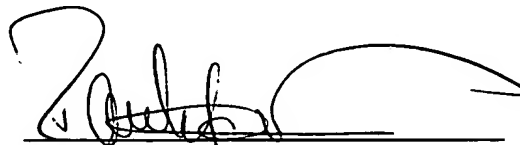
5. The cited but not relied upon references have been studied and are greatly appreciated, but are deemed to be less relevant than the relied upon references.

6. The appended Abstract as a new page is submitted herewith to replace the corresponding original abstract in file.

7. In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are requested. Allowance of claims 20-24 at an early date is solicited.

8. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed in order to place the application in condition for allowance, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



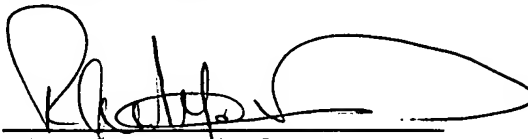
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